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Parallel Processing Method and Apparatus Title:

for Increasing Processing Throughput by Parallel Processing Low Level Instructions

Having Natural Concurrencies

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the application, please add the following claims:

In the Claims

Add claims 78-83 as follows:

A method for executing branghes in single entry-single exit (SESE) basic blocks (BBs) contained within a program, said method comprising the steps of:

determining the branch instruction within each said basic block of said program,

adding information to said branch instruction,

processing said instructions in each said basic block, and completing the execution of said branch instruction in said basic block no later than during the time duration of processing the last instruction in said basic block so that the execution of

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